

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 711

By Hood

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Ms. Jane O. Poole on her meritorious service as an educator at Middle Tennessee State University.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should recognize those exemplary educators who have given unreservedly of themselves to develop this state's most precious natural resource: our youth; and

WHEREAS, Jane Poole is one such extraordinary educator who has served with alacrity for 47 years as a model educator in Tennessee, 29 of those years as a member of the faculty at Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Poole earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from the George Peabody College for Teachers, and M.ED and ED.S. degrees from Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, she began her estimable teaching career at Park Avenue School in Nashville, and subsequently taught at Michell-Heilson School in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, during her meritorious tenure in education, Jane has also taught at the Hobgood School and the Bellwood School, and the MTSU Campus School, all in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, since 1975 she has served with dedication and professionalism in the MTSU Department of Elementary and Special Education as an Associate Professor of Elementary Education; and

WHEREAS, Jane's numerous honors and accolades include her receipt of the Middle Tennessee State University Foundation's Outstanding Teaching Award in 1979, and for her Outstanding Public Service in 1981-82; she was appropriately honored by Gamma Beta Phi and Kappa Delta Pi for Excellence in Teaching in 1971 and 1980, respectively; and

WHEREAS, she has contributed her time and numerous talents as Director of the Fox Reading Conference, an annual conference on the Teaching of Reading, as Director of the MTSU Reading Center, as Director of the Reading Learning Center, as Coordinator of Development Studies, and is the co-author of three professional books on building self-concept in children; and

WHEREAS, Jane Poole is a gifted educator who has presided over her classroom with great enthusiasm and dedication; she has always made students her priority, both in the classroom and in life, and has set a standard for all future educators to emulate; and

WHEREAS, Jane's greatest rewards have come through witnessing the accomplishments of her students; she has inspired countless teachers to dedicate themselves to instruction at the undergraduate and graduate levels; and

WHEREAS, rarely do people of Jane Poole's stature walk among us, and it is fitting that she be honored for her excellence; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Ms. Jane Poole on her meritorious service as a model educator, and extend to her our heartfelt thanks for a job well done.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.